Budget Estimate during 2000-2001. The shortfall in customs revenue during the year 2000-2001 is mainly attributed to negative growth in non-POL imports in dollar terms, change in the composition of imports, reduction in the import duty rate during the year on petroleum crude and on petroleum products; and growth in exports leading to increased drawback disbursement affecting the overall revenue.

(c) The Government have taken a number of measures from time to time to improve tax realizations. These include rationalization of tariff structure, review and withdrawal of tax exemptions wherever necessary, plugging leakage of revenue through anti-smuggling and anti-evasion measures, setting up of Directorate of Valuation to monitor and disseminate international prices of imported commodities, simplification of tax collection procedures to improve tax compliance, etc.

Sick industries registered with BIFR

2429. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the incidence of industrial sickness since 1998;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of sick industrial companies registered with BIFR during the year, 1997; and

(d) the number of sick industrial companies registered with BIFR during the years 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) As per the information

provided by Reserve Bank of India, the number of sick SSI and non-SSI (sick/weak) units and their outstanding bank credit for the years ended March 1998—2001 is given below:

(Rs. in crore)

End March	Non-SSI (Sick/Weak)		Sick SSI	
	Units	Outstanding	Units	Outstanding
1998	2476	11825.25	221536	3856.64
1999	2792	15150.41	306221	4313.48
2000	3164	19047.29	304235	4608.43
2001	3317	21270.26	249630	4505.54

(b) According to Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) the reasons for sickness at the time of registration with Board are as follows:

- Managerial Problems
- Production and Technical Problems
- Marketing/Financial Problems
- Inadequate infrastructure
- Delay in getting loans from Banks/Financial Institutions
- High Interest cost

(c) and (d) The number of companies registered with BIFR during the year 1997 and during the period from 1998 to 2001 is furnished below:—

Year	No. of Cases registered with BIFR
1997	233
1998	370
1999	413
2000	429
2001	463

Dividend of public sector industrial institutions

†2430. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been increase in the dividend of public sector industrial institutions in the country during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of the total dividend received by Government from March, 1998 to March, 2001;

(c) whether there has been increase in the capital investment also in these industrial institutions during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details of quantum of increase in capital investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The dividend received by the Government from March, 1998 to March, 2001 from Government Companies and Corporations and fresh

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.